THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) In pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement delivered in Kartar Singh Vs. Government of Punjab in March, 1994, Review Committees at the level of Central Government as well as States/UTs were constituted to review the TADA cases and as a result of review undertaken by these Committees as many as 11899 cases have been reviewed and TADA provisions have been dropped against as many as 28502 and 20037 persons have been released on bail by the Courts. Further State Governments have also been requested to issue suitable instructions to their prosecution branches to ensure expeditious trial of the remaining TADA cases and not to seek adjournment on filmsy grounds. It is because of the concerted efforts made by the Central Government that as per available information only 1664 persons are under detention. There is however, no proposal to release these detenues. It is the prerogative of the Designated TADA Courts to release them on bail or otherwise.

Concentration of Mercury in Waste Water

2443. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in 'Hindustan Times' dated December 10, 1996 that the scientists of the Central Pollution Control Board have criticised the recent Greenpeace report on high concentration of mercury in waste water discharge from a chlor-alkali plant in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Pollution Control Board had reviewed the Greenpeace report. There is no possibility of presence of high concentration of mercury in the Waste Water being discharged from a chlor-alkali plant located in Delhi as the plant is based on Diaphragm Cell technology which does not involve mercury anywhere in the process.

[Translation]

Vacant Posts in FCI

2444. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1709 dated December 3, 1996 regarding the vacant posts in Food Corporation of India and state :

(a) whether the required information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the information would be collected?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) A copy of the reply dated 3.3.1997 to Unstarred Question No. 1709 dated 3.12.1996 sent for laying on the Table of the House is enclosed as Statement-I and Statement-II.

Statement-I

Date of Fulfilment 03.03.1997
Ministry of Food, Department of Food Procurement and Distribution, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

S.No., Date and Name of MP (s).	Subject	Promise Made	When and How Fulfilled	Reason for Delay
1	2	3	4	5
1709. Dt. 3.12.1996, by Sh. Ashok Pradhan.	Vacant Posts in FCI	(a) to (d)- The information is being collected.		
	(a) whether a number of posts under the various categories are lying vacant in the Food Corporation of India for the last many years.		(a) Yes Sir.	
	(b) if so, the categories of posts and date from which these have been lying vacant alongwith the number of posts belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe out of these posts and the sanctioned strength of these posts in each category;		(b) The details are given in the attached statement.	